



QUENTIN GAREL

Quentin Garel (b. 1975, France) graduated from the prestigious French National Academy of Arts (Ecole Nationale des Beaux-Arts de Paris) in 1998 and was a resident of the "Casa Vélazquez" from Madrid in 2000. He is today considered as one of the most cutting-edge sculptors in Europe. His works have been shown internationally including Paris, New York, Singapore, Montreal. He exhibited at the Venice Biennale in 2017 and had a major solo show the National Museum of Natural History in Paris in 2016. Quentin Garel currently lives in Paris and works across his two studios in Paris and Normandy.

Quentin Garel's material of predilection is wood. He assembles blocks of wood to create a form from which he can then work. His tool is the chainsaw, which he owns in a variety of sizes. This is for him the best way to sculpt the wood and be able to retain all the textures and details for which he is known for. Once the wood sculpture is completed, only half of the work is done. Garel, together with the prestigious Bocquel foundry in Normandy, cast into bronze his wooden creations. What is unique to Garel's process, is to be able to reproduce within bronze the same tones and textures as his original wood sculptures. Most of the artworks exhibited is made of bronze and not of wood !

Quentin Garel is known for representing the animal figure, as for him, «animals have an infinite number of shapes to play with. Every animal has its own challenges, which allows me to evolve and constantly surpass my skills as a sculptor». His animals often take the shape of masks, in which only certain aspects of the animal figure are represented.

Garel's major museum solo exhibitions include the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, in 2016 ; Centre d'art contemporain de la Matmut, near Rouen, in 2019 ; Domaine de Chamarande, near Paris, 2020. He has been commissioned a great number of public sculptures throughout France, such as city fountains and central pieces of city parks. His largest monograph to date, tracking back to his first 20 years of career, was published in 2019 by Albin Michel Editions in France.



COLLECTIONS & PUBLIC COMMISSIONS

2020 Fonds départemental d'art contemporain de l'Essonne (91), France
2019 Centre-ville d'Arpajon (91)
2019 Parc du Champ des Bruyères, Rouen
2016 Centre d'art contemporain de la MATMUT, Saint Pierre de Varengeville (76)
2013 Place de la Paix, Mulhouse
2012 Pôle Régional des Savoires, Rouen
2011 Centre d'art contemporain de la MATMUT, Saint Pierre de Varengeville (76)
2009 Jardin des Géants, Lille
2007 Galleria D'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea Palazzo Forti, Verona (IT)
2006 Parc du Chemin de l'Île, Nanterre (92)
2003 Collections de Saint-Cyprien (66)

AWARDS

2021 Prix Paul Niclausse de Sculpture de l'Académie des Beaux Arts, Paris
2004 Prix de sculpture, Salon de Mai, Paris
2003 Prix de dessin, Académie des Beaux-Arts, Paris
2002 Prix de sculpture, Fondation COFFIM, Paris
2002 Prix de sculpture, Salon d'art contemporain de Montrouge
2001 23e Prix international d'art contemporain de Monte Carlo
1998-2000 Resident and member of Casa Velazquez, Madrid
1995 Prix de dessin, Académie des Beaux-Arts de Paris

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2023

Château du Val Fleury, Gif-sur-Yvette (FR) - 'Anima(l): la fusion des êtres' - Group show of works from the regional collections of Fonds départemental d'art contemporain de l'Essonne

2022

Galerie municipale Robespierre, Grande-Synthe (59) - 'Mascarade' - Solo show

Fondation Taylor, Paris - 'In choro bestiarum' - Group show

Galerie Bayart, Château du Plessis-Brion, Compiègne - 'Sculptures: Park and Castle' - Group show

Piretti Art Gallery, Knokke - Solo show

Art Madrid, Madrid - Represented by Galerie LJ

Arte Fiera, Bologna - Represented by Galleria Forni

Pigment Gallery, Barcelona - 'En chair et en os' - Solo show

2021

Cuturi Gallery, Singapour - 'Anomal' - Solo show

Galerie LJ, Paris - Masquarade - Solo show

Domaine de Chamarande, Essonne (91) - 'Anomal' - Retrospective exhibition

Art Madrid, Madrid - Represented by Galerie LJ

Arte Fiera Bologna, Bologna, Italy - Represented by Galleria Forni

BRAFA, Bruxelles - Exhibited by Patrice Trigano

2019

Centre d'art contemporain de la Matmut, Saint-Pierre-de-Varengeville (76) - 'Quentin Garel' - Retrospective exhibition

Art Expo Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur - Represented by Cuturi Gallery : Solo show

Cuturi Gallery, Singapore - 'Anima Artificialis' - Solo show

2018

Galerie LJ @ Espace Communes, Paris - 'Monumentalis' - Solo show

2017

Palazzo Tiepolo Passi, Venice (IT) - 'Beauty & The Beast' - 2-person show curated by Fondation Valmont

Galerie Got, Montreal - 'En chair et en os' - Solo show

2016

Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Galerie de Paléontologie & Jardin des Plantes, Paris - 'Le Magicien d'Os' - Solo show

Berkshire Museum, Pittsfield, Massachusetts - 'Art Zoo' - Group show

2015

Espace Julio Gonzalez, Arcueil (94) - 'Gueules de bois' - Solo show

Museum d'Histoire Naturelle, Grande Galerie de l'Evolution, Paris - 'Sur la piste des grands singes'

Galerie LJ, Paris - Solo show

2014

Galerie LJ, Paris - 'Kate Clark, AJ Fosik, Quentin Garel' - 3-person show

Johnson & Johnson's, Issy-les-Moulineaux (92) - 'La Beauté' - Group show curated by Marie Maertens

Galerie Duchoze, Rouen (76) - Solo show

Arte Fiera, Bologna (IT) - Represented by Galleria Forni

Axelle Gallery, New York - 'Winter Collective' - Group show

2013

Galerie LJ, Paris - Solo show

Bertrand Delacroix Gallery, New York - 'Gueule de bois' - Solo show

Galleria dell'Incisione, Brescia - 'Marabù, vizi e virtù' - Group show

Aida Cherfan Fine Art Gallery, Beirut (Lebanon) - 'The Winter Collective Show' - Group show

Centre d'art contemporain de la Matmut, Saint Pierre de Varengeville (76) - '50 ans/50 oeuvres' - Group show

Centre Culturel d'Oyonnax, Oyonnax (01) - 'Dialogue de Bêtes' - Group show

Arte Fiera, Bologna (IT) - Represented by Galleria Forni

2012

Gremillion Gallery, Houston - 'Trophy' - Solo show

Galerie LJ, Paris, solo show

Hôtel de Région Haute-Normandie, Rouen - Solo show

Arte Fiera, Bologna (IT) - Represented by Galleria Forni

Galleria dell'Incisione, Brescia (IT) - 'Bestiario' - Solo show

2011

Musée Départemental de l'Abbaye de Saint-Riquier (80) - Solo show

Art Elysées, Paris - Represented by Galerie LJ,

Arte Fiera, Bologna (IT) - Represented by Galleria Forni,

2010

Galerie LJ, Paris - Solo show

Mazel Galerie, Brussels - Solo show

Arte Fiera, Bologna (IT) - Represented by Galleria Forni,

2009

La Lune en Parachute, Epinal (88) - Solo show

Galerie Daniel Duchoze, Rouen - Solo show

Galerie LJ, Paris - Solo show

Galleria Forni, Milan - Solo show

Propriété Caillebotte, Yerres (91) - Second Biennale of Sculpture - curated by Lydia Harambourg

2008

Arte Fiera, Bologna (IT) - Represented by Galleria Forni,

2007

Palazzo Poggi, Bologna (IT) - Solo show

Propriété Caillebotte, Yerres (91) - First Biennale of Sculpture - curated by Lydia Harambourg

Centre Culturel Jacques Prévert, Aix-sur-Vienne (87) - 'Au-delà du corps', Fourth biennale of Contemporary Art

Palazzo Forti, Verona (IT) - 'Il Settimo Splendore. La modernità della malinconia' - Group show

2006

Galerie RL Beaubourg, Paris - Solo show

Art Paris, Paris - 'Garel&Garel', 2-person show, Represented by Galleria Forni

2005

Galleria Forni, Bologna (IT) - Solo show

Art Paris, Paris - Represented by Galerie RL Beaubourg

Arte Fiera, Bologna (IT) - Represented by Galleria Forni

Abbaye de St-Riquier, Somme (80) - 'Le cochon, portrait d'un séducteur' - Group show curated by L. Michaud

2004

Galerie Vent d'Ocres, Paris - Solo show

Galerie RL Beaubourg, Paris - Solo show

Art Paris, Paris - Represented by Galerie RL Beaubourg

Galleria Forni, Milan - Group show

Galleria Forni, Bologna (IT) - 'Animalia' - Group show

2003

Centre d'Art Contemporain de Saint-Cyprien, Saint-Cyprien (66) - Solo show

Arte Fiera, Bologna (IT) - Represented by Galleria Forni

Art Paris, Paris - Represented by Galerie RL Beaubourg

Jardins du Luxembourg, Sénat, Paris - 'Animal et Territoire' - Group show

2002

Galerie Vent d'Ocres, Paris - Solo show

Art Paris, Paris - Represented by Galerie RL Beaubourg

Salon d'Art Contemporain, Montrouge (92) - Group show

2000

Casa de Velazquez, Madrid - 'Encuentro' - Group show

Institut de France, Paris - Group show

Centre Culturel Garenne Lemot, Gétigné (44) - Group show

1999

Centro Cultural del Conde Duque, Madrid - Group show

Casa Velazquez, Madrid - Group show

Institut de France, Paris - Group show

1996